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For: TACK-ON-PRESSURE FILMS FOR TEMPORARY SURFACE PROTECTION AND SURFACE
MODIFICATION

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, with the following amended paragraph.

This invention is related to a U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/016,544, filed December 11, 2001, published as US 2003-0124291 A1 entitled "~~Film Structures and Methods of Making Film Structures~~" (Serial No. _____; 3M Attorney Docket No. 55947US002), ~~co-assigned to 3M Innovative Properties Company and concurrently filed with the present application.~~

10/016,544; published as US 2003-0124291 A1

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 21, with the following amended paragraph.

Furthermore, a U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/016,544, filed December 11, 2001, published as US 2003-0124291 A1 entitled "~~Film Structures and Methods of Making Film Structures~~" (Serial No. _____; 3M Attorney Docket No. 55947US002), ~~co-assigned to 3M Innovative Properties Company (3M) and concurrently filed with the present application,~~ discloses several novel methods to make sheet materials that are activated by the application of pressure (tack-on-pressure). The resultant film structure has a controllable adherence because the degree of contact between the adhering side and the surface of a target object to which the sheet material is applied is controllable by applying a pressure on the film structure. The film does not stick to the target surface quickly until the adhesion is activated by applying a pressure in a direction transverse to the target surface on the backside of the sheet ("tack-on-pressure"). The sheet material can be made repositionable or removable after the adhesion has been activated.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 24, with the following amended paragraph.

Furthermore, a U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/016,544, filed December 11, 2001, published as US 2003-0124291 A1 entitled "Film Structures and Methods of Making Film Structures" (Serial No. _____; 3M Attorney Docket No. 55947US002), assigned to 3M Innovative Properties Company and concurrently filed with the present application, discloses several novel methods to make tack-on-pressure sheet materials. The above-identified U.S. patent application discloses the method of forming a three-dimensional sheet material having controllable surface contact properties by stretching a film assembly having separable surface elements.